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Paul Janicek, co-founder and CEO of DocuLock LLC, speaks with students on the opportunity to start their own business with DocuLock’s partnership with the University. The students who are in the class will work on analyzing a company and finding things that might be a problem.

University offers opportunity with DocuLock partnership

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Northwest has partnered up with DocuLock LLC, and through a course at Northwest, will offer a very special opportunity for potential entrepreneurial students.

Late in the semester when the finalists are selected, they will be interviewed by DocuLock’s CEO and co-founder, Paul Janicek. Whomever Janicek selects will be able to start their own business right out of college, with the \$43,500 franchise fee waived. Not only that, but the winner

will be able to choose the location of their new business and through the Small Business Development Center, will receive no cost-assistance in starting their business up.

DocuLock is a document scanning and digital encryption company based out of St. Joseph, Missouri. DocuLock scans, preserves and protects important documents for digital use. DocuLock was founded in 2017 and has successfully secured over two million documents, saving an estimated \$106 million amongst its clients.

The course is Organizational Policy and Decision Making, taught by Dr. Ben Black-

ford, director of the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth School of Business. The opportunity is for students in the class who will graduate at the end of this semester. They can enter a competition within that class for a chance to start their own company from the ground-up.

“I hope it’s a very popular project. It’s a great opportunity,” Blackford said. “Even if someone doesn’t end up being the one picked, just having the chance to be involved and go throughout the interview process, if they’re picked as a finalist, will still be a really useful experience as they prepare to graduate and pursue whatever they choose to do after

graduation.”

Talks of the partnership began with DocuLock reaching out to Rebecca Lobina, director of the Small Business Development Center through Northwest, last spring. Blackford became involved about three months ago when the talks of the partnership turned to it being offered in a class.

The students in that class will work on a project of company analysis where they analyze a company of their choice in one of eight industries to find a potential problem and identify three possible solutions and provide their recommendation on what to do.

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DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR
Freshman Trista Bergers orders a bagel with schmear at the Einstein Bros. Bagels counter in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Einstein Bros. will now be having happy hour from 2-4 p.m. during the week to celebrate students.

Einstein Bros. replaces Free Bagel Friday with happy hour

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Students walking into the J.W. Jones Student Union on Fridays would usually be met with a long line coming from the Einstein Bros. Bagels, but from now on, there won’t be any line to be found.

The once beloved Free Bagel Friday promotion that Einstein Bagels held is now being replaced for a happy hour from 2-4 p.m. Every day will have a different special offered during the happy hours.

The first promotion of the week is Macchiato Monday where students can buy any large macchiato for \$3 and any medium one for \$2. Every Tuesday the Twos-day promotion will be offering any bagel with schmear for \$2.

To celebrate students making it through the week, Wednesday will have half-price sandwiches to symbolize making it to the half way point. Thursdays will be Treat Yourself Thursdays where

any medium drink and pastry is \$4.

And Friday, which used to offer a free bagel, is now “Free Upgrade Friday” where people can upsize their drinks, get a gourmet bagel or add an extra egg or meat to their sandwich for free.

Aramark Food Service Director Sara Tompkins said these items were picked based on the most popular items on sales trends from previous years rather than picking items at random or ones they wanted to sell more of.

“Usually if someone’s going to do a happy hour, they pick the thing they sell the least of and try to promote that,” Tompkins said. “We didn’t want it to be a sales gimmick, we really wanted it to be for the students to take advantage of.”

Though Free Bagel Friday was a staple for the business, Lora D, who has been working at Einstein Bagel Bros for over seven years now, said the promotion wasn’t meant to be

more than a one-time thing.

“Originally this was a promotion that was not going to be lasting as long as it had, but it went over really well so they continued it,” Lora D said. “But now they thought they’d try something different and see how the student body took to it.”

When telling people about the change from Free Bagel Friday to the new happy hour, Lora D said there has been a majority of positive feedback.

“When we originally decided to go to it, I was telling people what we were doing, a happy hour with drinks and various things, they were really cool with it. I think this has been a good thing,” Lora D said.

Tompkins said she went to a meeting for Student Ambassadors to tell them of the new change and said she could tell they were a little upset about the change, but overall has heard good feedback as well.

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Northwest Missouri Children’s Advocacy Task is new to town but leaving big footprints. Located at the Nodaway County Administrative Building is the Children’s Advocacy Center was created by the Children’s Advocacy Task Force. They aim to provide help, healing and justice for victims of abuse and neglect in Nodaway County.

According to the task force, one in seven children have experienced abuse or neglect in the last year. Of the those abused, sexually or physically, 30% of those are abused by a family member, the younger the victim, the more likelihood it was a family member. Sexual abuse and neglect are not absent in Nodaway County. This task force recognized the need for a local center to emphasize advocacy, prevention and response.

The Children’s Advocacy Task Force first cornerstone is advocacy. They use this cornerstone to assists victims and families with services including assistance with crisis intervention, court support, case status updates, mental and medical health support, community referrals and unique resources as needed by each victim and their family.

The Director of the Children’s Advocacy Task Force Jackie Cochenour has recognized the lack of resources in Nodaway County that results in adversity. Cochenour said there is more than one issue the community must work together to solve.

“Mental illness is not the root cause — Childhood Adversity is



When you walk into the Northwest Missouri Children’s Advocacy Task, you are greeted by the comfort of the family room. They have partnered with North Star to help with interviews to help with making the victims feel as comfortable as possible. DAKOTA WEAVER | PHOTO EDITOR

the root cause,” Cochenour said. “This is not one single issue.”

They follow a model called the National Children’s Alliance. There are partnerships built with North Star to assist with forensic interviews, so the victims are as comfortable as can be within this situation.

They have interview rooms inside the Children’s Advocacy Center that allows the victims to be in control of the lights, the setup and who is in the room. The police will receive the in-

terview through a recording that will help bring justice to the victims.

Prevention is a cornerstone that partners with school districts, and recently the Leadership Northwest Missouri Team, to provide training regarding the Importance of Mandated Reports and Trusted Adults and a program called Stewards of Children.

In the first year, many needs have been met. However, the grant that allowed this program

to start only lasts one year. The funding for this program is not guaranteed. There has been three grants that have been applied for, and they will know if they received them by Oct. 1. Organizations such as Ten Squared Women recently made their nonprofit quarterly award of \$8,700 that will help many victims on Aug 26. However, it is up to the community to see the importance of this program for not only the children but for future generations.

This program was started by three people who saw the need after COVID-19. When schools shut down, cases rose as soon as schools opened again when children were around trusted adults.

“A very small group took it upon themselves to start this,” Cochenour said. “Yet that was just the one single pebble to make the first ripple, now it’s ultimately our jobs to understand that we all are also part of that ripple. We have to have that sense of responsibility.”

Maryville R-II schools search for architects, engineers

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The Maryville R-II School District is conducting a search for architects and engineers for future building projects.

The school district recently put out a Request for Qualifications, which gives background on the district, what they’re looking for in builders and ideas on what they would like to do construction wise in the years to come. The school district consists of five schools: Maryville Early Childhood Center, Eugene Field Elementary School, Maryville Middle School, Maryville High School and Northwest Technical School.

Superintendent of Maryville R-II Logan Lightfoot said one of the main reasons the district is currently looking for architects and engineers is to make

a long range facility plan for all of its schools and facilities. He said he believes bringing them in will help the district determine what’s actually feasible for it to do.

“We all have these ideas right,” Lightfoot said. “In education we all have ideas on what we think is best for our school and what we think would be best for our kids. They’re all really good ideas, but none of us are experts in building. We’re trying to find someone that can come in with an expert knowledge base, that can help our community, our teachers and our kids. The whole idea of putting an RFQ out and trying to find a firm is to find a really good fit for our school.”

Lightfoot said one of the main goals the district would like to accomplish is renovating the school district’s el-

ementary school. Eugene Field Elementary School was originally built in 1917. It was renovated in 1974 after a fire destroyed the main building, and it hasn’t undergone any major renovations since then.

There are multiple other goals the district hopes to accomplish with the help of architects and engineers. One of them is updating some of the district’s outdoor athletic facilities. Another is conducting a safety audit on all the school buildings. The final goal is potentially expanding the preschool, as it’s continuing to grow in numbers.

“They are going to give us more of an expert opinion and idea on what we can and can’t do,” Lightfoot said. “My grand ideas on Eugene Field might or might not be feasible. I can think we can knock this wall down and that wall

down, and I could be completely wrong. They’re going to be able to make those ideas into reality and make those ideas more livable.”

Lightfoot said he hopes the broader Maryville community will be heavily involved in this process and will provide their input to the district and the architects and engineers. He wanted the community to know they should be prepared to be engaged as things start to move forward.

“Our whole idea of trying to find a firm is to bring everyone to the table,” Lightfoot said. “As much as I’d like to do it myself, I don’t have the knowledge base or ability to make a long term facility plan. With bringing these folks in, they’re really gonna help bring everyone to the table so we can have a really good plan to put all that together.”

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Salsa and Spices: DI Office hosts Hispanic Heritage Month events

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The Office of Diversity and Inclusion will host multiple events from Sept. 21 through Oct. 19 for Hispanic Heritage month.

The month is set aside to honor the culture and historical impact of Latin and Hispanic Americans. Northwest’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion will put on four events over the next month to help celebrate and teach about Latin American and South American cultures.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Brittany Roberts said the goal of all of their events is to teach students about other cultures outside of the classroom setting.

“We want to grow cultural competency and grow the knowledge of other places,” Roberts said. “We want to bring other ideas and experiences as much as we can to campus. You may not be able to go to Venezuela, you may not be able to go to Chile, but we can try to bring those little trinkets or cool treasures or experiences here.”

The Diversity of Inclusion Office’s first event is a movie night from 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 21 on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union. The movie being shown is “In the Heights,” a musical based on the Broadway show “Usnavi.”

The movie touches on different Hispanic cultures in Washington Heights, New York City. After the movie, there will be a discussion about the movie and a discussion about how it applies to Hispanic culture.

A lecture from Thomas Sanchez will be the second event. It will go from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Student Union Board Room.

Sanchez is a Northwest alumni who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems in 2002. He is a Foundation Board of Directors member and will talk about his experiences being a Hispanic American.

Spice It Up will take place from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Oct. 19 on the second floor Stu-

dent Union. This event will feature 151 different spices that will be available for students to make a variety of different seasonings. All of the spices will be authentic and will be an opportunity for students to learn not only about the history of hispanic foods, but also how to use the seasonings in their own kitchen.

This is the event that Roberts is the most excited about.

“Out of all of the Hispanic Heritage Month events, that’s probably my favorite one,” Roberts said. “I did not even know the difference between seasonings and spices. I thought it was all the same, just things you put on food, so I’m excited to learn about authentic Hispanic seasonings.”

Salsa Magic will take place later that evening from 7-9 p.m. on the third floor Student Union. This event will be another opportunity for students to get close to Hispanic culture, but this time through dancing. Students will learn from an expert how to salsa dance.

Senior Coordinator of Diversity Jessie Peter encourages students to come to these events to experience different aspects of another culture.

“These events provide the space to explore, to appreciate, to learn and to understand the lived experiences of the Hispanic and Hatinix communities,” Peter said. “It also helps in breaking negative stereotypes and biases.”

Hispanic History Month takes place from Sept.15-Oct. 15 because these dates hold significance for many Latin American and South American cultures. Countries like Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Chile all have celebrated their independence day during this time period. Dia de la Raza also falls within the time frame. This is a celebration of the first meeting of Europeans and native peoples.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS



Movie Night
6-8 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom

Join the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for a showing of “In the Heights.”



Thomas Sanchez Lecture
5-7 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom

Come listen to a lecture from Northwest alumna Thomas Sanchez about his life.



Salsa Magic!
6-8 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom

Come learn the Hispanic culture of dance with an expert Salsa dancer.

Spice it UP!
11:30-2:30 p.m. on the Second Floor of J.W. Jones Student Union

Make your own blend of authentic spices.

GRAPHIC BY SIDNEY LOWRY MANAGING EDITOR



Sarah Groteluschen was heavily involved in the Bearcat Marching Band after transferring from University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She graduated in 2012 and was a music teacher in West Nodaway R-I school.

Parents establish memorial scholarship for daughter

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After Northwest alumna Sarah Groteluschen passed away unexpectedly of an aortic aneurysm on Nov. 16, 2020, her parents, David and Janelle, have recently established a memorial scholarship in honor of her and her love of music education.

The Groteluschens set up the Sarah Groteluschen Memorial Music Scholarship in her honor. They used funds from the Missouri State Teachers Retirement Fund and put \$25,000 in it. A \$2,000 award will be given to a Northwest music education once a year. Recipients will be full-time Northwest students, involved in an instrumental music performing group with a preference for woodwind instruments and have a grade-point average of 3.25 or higher.

Sarah Groteluschen grew up in Columbus, Nebraska, where she would perform at Christmas concerts at her church and teach children how to play bells. Her father David said they would go to football games at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and she would

see the marching band play.

“She saw the UNL marching band one time, she was a third grader at the time, and she said that someday she wanted to play in that band,” David Groteluschen said.

Sarah’s musical career began when she first started playing the bass clarinet in middle school. Later on, she learned the B flat clarinet for marching band. As the years went on, she picked up the saxophone, oboe, keyboards and started to learn some guitar.

“She loved anything marching band. She loved the whole atmosphere of it. Going to play in the (2002) Rose Bowl Parade because Nebraska played Miami that year. She really enjoyed her time in music and marching band,” David Groteluschen said. “We went down to games at Northwest, and they played in national championships, and the University of Nebraska was not too bad at the time so they went to ball games also. It was a great experience for her. She loved everything band.”

Sarah played in the UNL marching band before transferring to Northwest, where she continued her musical experience

and played in the Bearcat Marching Band. While at Northwest, she was in the University Wind Symphony, the Kappa Kappa Psi national honor band fraternity and the Sigma Alpha Iota women’s music fraternity. She graduated from Northwest in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in instrumental music education.

After graduating, Sarah went on to work as a music teacher at the West Nodaway R-I school district. She was president of the Northwest Alumni Association’s Band Alumni Chapter. She was also involved in the National Association for Music Education and the Missouri Music Educators Association.

David and Janelle will visit Northwest on Saturday Sept. 24 to award the student who will receive the first \$2,000 of the annual memorial grant.

“We thought it’d be a good thing to do. Put that money towards a scholarship to continue somebody else’s education,” David Groteluschen said. “She completed hers, she’s working on her master’s, but her life was cut short. So, we can give somebody else an opportunity to keep them going to music.”

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CRIME LOG

for the week of Sept. 8

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Sept. 3
A summons was issued to **Dimitri Filopoulos**, 25, for driving while intoxicated and improper display of license plates on the 100 block of West Lincoln Street.

Sept. 2
There was an accident between **Deborah A. Bryon**, 65, and **Taylor L. Holley**, 23, on North Dewey Street and East Sixteenth Street. Bryon was issued a citation for failure to maintain the right half of the roadway. Holley was issued a citation for driving while suspended.

A summons was issued to **Colette J. Miller**, 20, for a minor in possession on the 100 block of West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary on the 200 block of West Seventh Street.

A summons was issued to **Britney D. Poage**, 22, for driving while suspended and failure to register a motor vehicle on the 100 block of East First Street.

Sept. 1
There was an accident between **Cassidy J. Standley**, 16, and **Michael P. Murphy**, 34, on East First Street and North Water Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for harassment on the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation for stealing by deceit on the 200 block of West Third Street.

Aug. 30
A summons was issued to **Addison J. Griggs**, 18, for driving while intoxicated, making an illegal U-turn and possession of drug paraphernalia on 29000 block of U.S. Highway 71.

Aug. 29
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing on the 300 block of North Market Street.

Aug. 28
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny on the 1700 block of East First Street.
A summons was issued to **Brayden P. Martinez**, 21, for driving while intoxicated and an equipment violation on the 1300 block of East Third Street.
A summons was issued to **Marcella K. Ciciarelli**, 68, for larceny on the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Aug. 27
A summons was issued to **Brandon J. Driskell**, 36, for excessive acceleration on the 500 block of North Laura Street.
A summons was issued to **Gabriel E. Schuetz**, 21, for excessive acceleration on the 700 block of South Main Street.

Aug. 25
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage on the 1700 block of East First Street.

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The class will also have a team project, what they call the “business strategy game,” where teams run a virtual shoe store through a website to see whose business model is best and makes the most profit.
“(Teaming with Northwest) is my greatest honor, other than being a husband and a father,” Janicek said. “I’m really grateful for the opportunity Northwest has given me.”
“We’re just happy to be able to provide this opportunity to students, and it’s kind of a unique option where they can engage and get some experience while doing it, while also having the chance to graduate with their first business and become an entrepreneur straight out of school,” Blackford said. “We’re just happy that DocuLock provided us this opportunity.”

University officials, Senate talk upcoming events



Assistant Vice President of Health and Wellbeing Chris Dawe spoke to Student Senate Sept. 6 about the upcoming Wellbeing Summit Sept. 22. The summit will have sessions and keynote speakers focused on moving from self-care to community-care.

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Members of the 100th Student Senate met for the third meeting of the year and once gavels were banged, pledges were said and role-call was taken, the meeting officially began with talks from the president, DI Office, and of elections.

Starting the meeting was Interim President Clarence Green. Green spoke upon future investments in Martindale Hall, bringing in a new vendor for the dining hall, and most prominently, what is going to happen with the high rises and number of beds on campus.

Following Green was Senior Coordinator of Diversity Jessie Peter, explaining the new

J.E.D.I program and its three levels: awareness, understanding and application. Speaking next was Assistant Vice President of Health and Wellbeing Chris Dawe. Dawe informed the Senate about the Wellbeing Summit Sept. 22 and what will be a part of this meeting.

The third of four installments of presentations given by Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett was given at the meeting. This installment pertained to personal privilege and oppression following his previous two on implicit bias and microaggressions.

Throughout the presentation, Mallett discusses power and the roles people in power have, how privilege affects ev-

erything, including institutions of power, and power in terms of how it pertains to and affects certain social groups.

Furthermore, Mallett discussed the difference between equality and equity, how it relates to power and privilege and why this presentation was so important to the Student Senate in particular.

“You have to ask yourself, why are you in the Senate? Why are you here today? Why are you involved in the Student Senate? Are you here to create action that is transformative in nature? Are you here just to be here? And the decisions that you make are going to affect a lot of people, and you have to be okay with that,” Mallett said.

Following Mallett’s presentation, Student Senate Executive President Elizabeth Motazedi discussed committee recruitment with Senate members, as well as upcoming elections, putting forth a note on how voting will work.

“It’s just a ballot sent to your (freshmen) email, and that’s how they’re going to vote,” Motazedi said.

Committees then gave briefs on the functions of their group, their office hours, as well as any events they are hosting coming up. Running unopposed, Maggie Gach was elected as a senior class representative, and Zach McCaw was elected as the new off-campus representative and were sworn in.

Einstein Bros. Bagels Happy Hour

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Some students, like Tryce Floyd, said he didn’t participate in the Free Bagel Fridays, but

is interested in the new happy hour promotion.
“I get out of classes around 2 p.m., so that would be perfect,” he said.
Students don’t have to feel left empty on Fridays when they used

to go to their bagels. Tompkins said she launched a new program in the Bearcat Commons called Fresh Donut Fridays.
Students will have at least the remainder of the semester to participate in the hap-

py hour promotion, as Tompkins said the happy hour at Einstein Bagels will be running through this December and then will be reevaluated based on participation.

ADHD stigmas need to be exiled



Attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder is often stereotyped as being spacey, forgetful and always having too much energy. However, that’s just the tip of the iceberg for most people who are neurodivergent. The most common symptom of ADHD is an ongoing pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity-impulsivity that interferes with functioning or development. This is very similar to attention-deficit disorder, which is more linked to symptoms of inattention, distractibility and poor working memory. For me, ADHD is the occasional forgetfulness of taking my medication. It’s not eating or eating too much. It’s forgetting where my phone and keys are at least five times a day. It’s impulsively spending money on something I don’t need. It’s also sometimes not being able to get myself to do anything productive even though I want to.

ADHD may be invisible to neurotypical people if they don’t have someone in their life who has it. Oftentimes it’s seen as not a big deal by neurotypical people. Some people even go as far to say that “everyone has a little bit of ADHD,” which is factually incorrect.

It’s even harder for young girls and women to be diagnosed with it than it is for boys and men. Boys are 13% more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD, compared to 6% of girls, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

I personally wasn’t diagnosed with ADHD until I was 19 years old. Symptoms in women are mistaken for anxiety or depression, causing ADHD to often be overlooked by most doctors.

I’ve always had symptoms of ADHD. I was always told in school “she’s a bright kid, but if she would just slow down and take her time, she’d do better.” When I was younger, I was constantly told by my grandma to slow down when I was talking to her because I talked too fast. I had a horrible habit of interrupting people when they were talking. I still do it sometimes. My brain makes me think if I don’t say what I want to say right now, I’ll forget it.

Now that I’m on medication, these symptoms are a lot better. However, they’re still there. They’ll always be there, just not as prominently. Many people think ADHD symptoms will go away completely when you’re on medication, but that’s simply not true. Those symptoms are always going to be there for every person with ADHD, medication just gives them more control over it and helps them focus a little better.

Kids and adults with ADHD need to be treated with respect and understanding by neurotypical people. Realize people diagnosed with ADHD don’t learn and navigate in the world the way others do, and this is not a bad thing.

If you have someone in your life who is neurodivergent, don’t make them feel like an outlier. Chances are they probably already feel that way. Be a safe space for them.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

County courts need to stop elongating cases for months

Nearly six months ago, a Northwest student was charged with invasion of privacy, and today we are still awaiting a trial.

At a hearing Aug. 29, Logan Fainter’s case was granted continuance for the sixth time since it was brought to court in March. Along with this case on the docket that day, there were many that were heard before him — all of which were granted a later court date.

This sparked our curiosity. Of course we want to know what the outcome will be for Fainter’s case specifically, but this is only one of many cases deferred to a later date. The only remaining question is, why?

The rules of the 4th Judicial Circuit outline no general continuances will be granted in any case and no continuance requests will be automatically granted. Though continuances are up to the judge hearing the case and are not guaranteed, it seems the majority of cases that request a continuance will get it.

What is the point of lining up cases on a docket just to push them to a later date?

Ryan Williams, the district defender for the 4th Judicial Circuit, said he couldn’t speak on Fainter’s case directly, but said continuances are granted for a number of reasons like waiting on plea offers or needing more time for investigation.

Either party, the defense attorney or the prosecuting attorney, is able to ask for a continuance on the case. Prosecuting Attorney Caleb Phillips said he couldn’t give specific details on the case, but said one of the times the Fainter case was continued was up to the defense and then one time was because of his request.

Assuming this was the fifth and then sixth time this case was asking for continuance, how many more months are we going to spend waiting for this to end? The problem with continuing a case like this for months on end and only meeting in court to push back the case is that it causes more pain for the victim of the crime.

Phillips said he has a full time victim advocate who speaks with the victims of the crime to explain why continuances and other changes in trials are made, but that still doesn’t ease the pain of the victim having to wait for so long, getting their hopes up that a plea will be entered or a decision will be made every time their perpetrator comes into court, and they walk away in the same spot they were before.

Phillips said continuances are very common in any type of criminal case. We understand this is not the fault of only the 4th Judicial Circuit, but change needs to start somewhere.

The Missourian has reported on the Fainter case in the past, and we

have laid out the facts. To simplify, Fainter gave a written consent for the University Police Department to search his phone without a search warrant. During this, the videos were found on the phone and one of the victims identified their shoes.

We can’t be the only ones questioning this court case. The evidence is there, why are continuations still ongoing? The Fainter case is not the only issue at hand. The case is the start of a long list of cases that come from a fatally flawed court system.

Phillips said there’s only so much they can do in a limited period of time with a limited amount of people. There is a need for prosecutors and judges in Nodaway County not being met. He said that’s just how the system works. It shouldn’t be.

Continuance may be helpful for lawyers and judges, but victims having to wait elongated periods of time to hear the outcome of their case causes more harm than comfort.

Rather than extending cases and causing victims more pain, along with possible harm to the defendant themselves, the court system needs to uphold the sixth amendment — the right to a speedy trial — and ease the hurt that comes with being a victim of a crime.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat appreciates having red flags

The list of what is considered to be a red flag continues to grow, and I am here for it.

I had a friend tell me he stopped talking to someone because she didn’t take her shoes off in his house. Dawg, what? I mean, I prefer taking shoes off in my house, but just because my partner doesn’t want their goblin toes hanging out, doesn’t mean that I’ll be breaking up with them.

It’s getting crazy, yet entertaining. I thought my only red flags were that I’m an emotional manipulator and a thief, turns out, it’s also a red flag

that I want a fork when eating pizza.

How in the world am I expected to get married when people will break up with you over whether you have a loose sheet on your bed or not?

If we keep this up, we are all going to end up in a news story about how we are getting married to an inanimate object — look it up, it’s a real thing. Though I suppose I would prefer some of you do so.

People are getting so picky when it comes to who they are with. My only requirement is they don’t cheat on me —

which apparently most of my exes don’t know how to do.

The only acceptable red flag that damn near everyone will agree on — the furies. The tails, bro. If you tell me that you broke up with someone because they asked you to pet them, no further questions.

Now, I know some of these are just jokes, and you aren’t actually going to break up with your partner over something that small, but some of you use them as an excuse to cover up the fact your partner is actually a terrible human being.

Y’all are the type of people

to be like, “Yeah, they kicked dogs sometimes, but we had to break up because they didn’t believe in the five second rule.” Uh, yeah, OK.

I have become enthralled by the long-forming list of all the red flags people have created. Please continue to enlighten me about how you might break up with your boyfriend because he randomly turns his read receipts off, and not because he cheated on you with nine different women.

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MHS volleyball sweeps Penney Hornets

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Maryville volleyball advanced to 5-3 on the season with a second-place finish at the Clarinda Volleyball Tournament and a win at home over Penney.

The Spoofohounds traveled Sept. 3 to Clarinda, Iowa, for a tournament, where they played five games. The 'Hounds finished second at the tournament and played five different teams, all from Iowa. Coach Bailey Cook said she was happy with her players and the way they competed in the tournament.

"I was very happy with the way we played," Cook said. "I wasn't expecting a whole lot out of the girls, mainly because it was the first tournament of the season. I just wanted them to go in with an open mind on changing different lineups just because we're not going to see any of those teams again. That tournament was essentially what we were looking for."

Maryville hosted the Penney Hornets Sept. 6 for its second home volleyball match of the season. The 'Hounds coasted to a 3-0 win to follow going 3-2 in the Clarinda Volleyball Tournament.

The Spoofohounds seemingly improved as the match went on — winning by more points in every set as the game went on.

In the first set, the Hornets got on the board first with a hitting error from the Spoofohounds. Maryville quickly answered with a 4-1 run, giving the team a 7-3 lead and forcing a Penney timeout. Even after the timeout, the 'Hounds maintained their momentum and went on a 9-3 run to increase their lead to 16-6.

Maryville finished the set on a 5-2 run, capped off by a diving effort from senior libero Kennedy Kurz that kept the point alive for a Spoofohound score, while the Hornets had already gathered in the middle of their side of the court. Maryville won the first set 25-16.

The second set was back and forth for the first 16 points, as the Spoofohounds and the Hor-



Freshman middle blocker Olivia Stanley scores a kill, assisting the Maryville Spoofohounds in their 3-0 win over the Penney Hornets Sept. 6. The Spoofohounds take on Bishop LeBlond's Golden Eagles at 6 p.m. Sept. 8.

TYSON ELLIOTT PHOTOGRAPHER

nets were tied 8-8. A few points later, Maryville went on another run, this one by way of a 6-1 scoring output, giving the Spoofohounds a 16-11 lead, followed by another Penney timeout.

After the timeout, the Spoofohounds made a quick 5-point

run behind the service of junior setter Bryna Grow, increasing their lead 21-13. Senior setter Anastyn Pettlon ended the second set with back-to-back kills.

The third set was even better for the 'Hounds, as they opened up with a 6-2 advan-

tage. Then a second quick run later in the set increased their lead to 11-4. Maryville kept its momentum and widened its lead to 17-10. Then, freshman hitter Olivia Stanley assisted the Spoofohounds with a couple of kills to go on an 8-point run

to end the set 25-10 and sweep the Hornets 3-0.

Cook has been very happy with the way Stanley has stepped in for the Spoofohounds this year. She said her confidence, footwork and arm strength have gotten better.

"She's putting in extra minutes before and after practices," Cook said. "She's really coming out of her shell, which is what I was hoping would happen, and it has happened early on."

Stanley filled up the statsheet tonight for the Spoofohounds with a number of aces, blocks and kills. She gives a lot of the credit to her upperclassmen and being more comfortable at home.

Sometimes, the veterans on a team help give guidance and allow the younger players to propel themselves to do better.

Stanley said that was exactly the case for her, and it was especially true being at home. "I love home games, so I was super excited because I always play better at home," Stanley said.

Cook said she was happy with her sweep tonight against Penney, but she says her team is going to have to eliminate errors for them to come out on top on Sept. 8 against Bishop LeBlond.

She said the opponent makes it hard enough to win, so one of the last things to do is to commit personal mistakes. Cook did make sure to focus on the positives, though, as well as the negatives.

"We also had a lot of kills and aces and points on our end so it evened out," Cook said. "But comparing tonight to Thursday night, that is what we are going to really have to change if we want to come out on top Thursday night."

Maryville will host Bishop LeBlond at 7 p.m. Sept. 8. at Maryville High School. Bishop LeBlond brings an undefeated record in the 2022 season so far and is 2-0. The Golden Eagles were 2-0 against the Spoofohounds last season, and the Spoofohounds will be tasked with attempting to flip that in their favor.

TRAVEL CONTINUED FROM A8

With both occurrences in back-to-back years, Northwest has not played the Blue Tigers since Oct. 26, 2019. Additionally, the Bearcats have only played Lincoln twice in the last 32 years — both

ending in victories for Northwest. The Blue Tigers also made a change in head coach, with Jermaine Gales now at the helm for his first year.

Wright said it is a bit difficult to plan for teams he hasn't seen in a few years, especially with a new coach, but with film from Lincoln's Week 1 game against

Washburn and staying focused on themselves, the rest will work out.

"It'll be more like what it was against Hays in terms of they can do anything, so we have to be able to adjust offensively and defensively during the game," Wright said.

Goff started at center in the game in

2019, but he said it is fun to go against somewhat unfamiliar teams.

"There's definitely some excitement and having it be a road game," Goff said. "We haven't played them since '19, so I'm looking forward to making the trip."

Northwest's game against Lincoln kicks off at 2 p.m.

CONFERENCE CONTINUED FROM A8

Regis was on a Cinderella-type run after starting the tournament with a loss to No. 13 West Texas A&M.

The loss to the Buffalos would be the last for the Rangers. The Rangers went on to upset then-No. 11 Central Missouri, then-No. 5 West Florida and then-No. 10 Northwest.

Northwest started the match with success and took a 2-0 lead. Despite being down by two sets, Regis was seemingly unbothered, and the Rangers made the comeback, winning three straight sets to win the entire match.

Northwest ended the tournament in second place in the silver bracket. For the season, the Bearcats are 6-2 and 3-1 record against ranked teams.

Next on the schedule is the MIAA conference opener on the road against No. 18 Central Missouri Sept. 7.

"We say we are road warriors, so it feels natural to be on the road," Ferguson said. "But, we are also excited to be back in Bearcat Arena."

The 'Cats have lost three straight to the Mules, including the 2021 MIAA championship game.

The last time they met to open MIAA play, the Mules swept the Bearcats. This time both teams are ranked and look to start off 1-0 in MIAA play.

"We are excited to start the conference and pursue greatness like our theme says this year and go after a conference championship," Ferguson said.

"We start our conference schedule with some of the best teams in the MIAA," Brunssen



ARAMIE GEBHARDT PHOTOGRAPHER

Northwest volleyball freshman middle blocker Kate Frakes sets herself up during a drill at practice. The Bearcats play Missouri Western at 6 p.m. Friday at the Bearcat Arena.

said. "I think we are all really excited to play because we know they will be great matches."

Northwest has yet to play in front of a home crowd in Bearcat Arena — a place the 'Cats were 9-2 in 2021. This will change on Sept. 9, as the Bearcats host Highway 71 rival Missouri Western.

The Bearcats have won nine

straight against the Griffons, four of those being home games. Northwest has not lost to Western since Oct. 24, 2017.

"We would obviously prefer the conference opener to be at home," Brunssen said. "We are pumped for our home opener on Friday against MoWest and want to see Bearcat Arena packed."

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GARAGE



Northwest soccer junior forward Teagan Blackburn dribbles down field past University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons senior back Cammie Robinson. The Bearcats defeated the Tritons 3-1 Sept. 1 and will play at home at 1 p.m. Sept. 11 against University of Central Missouri.

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Bearcats continue regional slate

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Northwest soccer played its second home and away game of the season. The Bearcats played the Missouri-St. Louis Tritons Sept. 1 at Bearcat Pitch and the Sioux Falls Cougars Sept. 4 at Bob Young Field, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Bearcats only scored one goal through their first two games, but the Bearcat offense has heated up in its most recent matches, scoring seven goals in the last two games. The Bearcats dominated in the first half against the Tritons with goals by sophomore midfielder Hannah Stirling in the eighth minute and junior forward Teagan Blackburn in the 17th minute, both assisted by junior forward Kaylie Rock. In the second half, Kaitlyn Case had a goal in the 51st minute on a penalty kick to go up 3-0.

Toward the end of the game, the Tritons snuck in a goal past senior goalkeeper Grace Goetsch, who was stepping in for the injured redshirt freshman goalkeeper Lily Ellis, whose injury was unspecified by the coaching staff. The Bearcats went on to defeat the Tritons 3-1. “We are very fortunate to have two quality goalkeepers,” Gordon said. “They each play differently; the challenge for us as a staff is putting the right keeper in the right moments. It’s nice to give them both opportunities to perform.” In Northwest’s game in Sioux Falls, Ellis returned to the pitch for the ’Cats. Rock had two goals in the first half, which were assisted by Blackburn and freshman forward Margaret Madden. The second half consisted of two more goals for the Bearcats, courtesy of

sophomore defender Sydney Mueller — who scored her first goal of the season — and another penalty kick goal by Case as Northwest defeated the Cougars 4-0. “It’s definitely a good feeling to get my first goal of the season early,” Mueller said. “Last year I waited a little longer to get that first goal.” On top of the success on offense, the defense held the Cougars to one shot attempt that was saved by Ellis, who now has three shutouts to start the season. “I think we have just been communicating very well and staying connected, and that’s key for us to just stay strong on defense and keep the goals out of the net,” Mueller said. The Bearcats improved to 3-0-1 and are receiving votes for the first time in program history in the first regular season United Soccer Coaches

Division II Top 25 poll. The Bearcats start conference play with another road game against MIAA foe Missouri Western Griffons at 7 p.m. Sept. 9. Northwest will return to Bearcat Pitch for a game against the Central Missouri Jennies at 1 p.m. Sept. 11. In 2021, the Bearcats defeated the then-No. 13 Missouri Western 2-1, in the first of two meetings for the two squads in the season. The second game went much easier for Northwest, and the team came away with the 2-0 victory. The two games against the Jennies last year led to a 0-3 loss and a 2-2 tie — the first official game to not end in a loss to Central Missouri for the Bearcats since 2009. “I just want us to continue the trend that we are doing right now,” Gordon said. “We are starting to find a rhythm, and we are moving the ball well.”

Maryville prepares for conference opponent

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Maryville football will return to the ‘Hound Pound Sept. 9 to open Midland Empire Conference play against Chillicothe. Not only does this game signal the beginning of MEC play, but it reignites the rivalry between the Spoofhounds and the Hornets. Coach Matt Webb said it’s an important game for many reasons. For starters, he said, it’s a rivalry game, it starts conference play and winning this game will set up whoever wins it with a road to the conference championship. The ‘Hounds are 14-1 against the Hornets since 2010 and are currently on a six-game winning streak, including two wins in the 2017 postseason and gain in the 2018 postseason. “I think it’s important, it’s just the next game. Every week we talked about going 1-0, you know, that’s what we strive to do every week,” Webb said. “We need to have a great job of doing the same thing in practice and having a good week. With it being Chillicothe, it’s a rivalry game at home. There’s a lot to play for. It’s an important game.” Chillicothe is looking to bounce back after a loss to Kirksville (1-1), and Maryville is looking to keep the momentum going after a 49-6 win against Harrisonville (0-2). For the second time this season, the Spoofhounds will look to defend its home field. Senior running back Cooper Loe said



Junior wide receiver Wyatt Garner attempts to make a catch against a Harrisonville defender during the Spoofhounds game against the Wildcats. Maryville won its first game of the season 49-6 against Harrisonville Sept. 2.

RIVER BOYD SPORTS REPORTER

playing at home has its advantages and disadvantages. “I think that, when you play at home, there is many more distractions that you have to fight and stay locked in,” Loe said.

“However, it is always awesome playing football on a Friday night in Maryville, Missouri.” Watching film and working on execution for every play is the main focus in practice this

week, Loe said. Webb said the Hornets are big in the trenches. “They are a freight train on the offensive and defensive lines,” Webb said. “It looks like an enormous offensive line and then their running backs and linebackers are also very huge. They’re very good at running the football. They’re a power-running team.” Webb said the key to the game is to take away Chillicothe’s run game and then being able to stop the play action when the Hornets go to it. Loe gives credit to Chillicothe for being a well-coached team. Webb said putting up nearly 50 points in the last two games is good, but the ‘Hounds need to continue to do that, offensively, to give themselves a chance to be close at the end of the game. Webb said he believes it is easier to play at home for an important game, and they call it the ‘Hound Pound magic because the team plays well at home. What Webb calls “‘Hound Pound magic,” might be the reason the Spoofhounds are 52-3 at home since 2008. Loe said the team’s number one goal is to always win. Throughout the season, he said, that goal is made up of other smaller goals, which are accomplished by each position group every week. Loe said every week is important, but this week is especially important because it kicks off Maryville’s conference schedule, and the team gets to do it at home.

Northwest Soccer Player Earns NIL Agreement

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During Northwest soccer’s fourth game of the season against Sioux Falls Sept. 4, junior forward Kaitlyn Case scored her second goal of the season. A mere two days before, she was the first Northwest athlete to score a Name, Image and Likeness deal. Rapid Elite — on 418 N. Main St. in Maryville — announced via its Facebook page Sept. 2 it would partner with the Smithville, Missouri, native. “I never expected it, because, usually, you see, like, big D1 athletes getting different kinds of NIL deals,” Case said. “I never expected to get one as a small D2 athlete. It’s a gift, and I’m very grateful for it.” Rapid Elite, a store focused on printing, shipping and ink, has worked with the Northwest Athletic Department since the business opened in 2010. The partnership with Case is just another step for owner Matt Gaarder and the rest of Rapid Elite. The business will work with Case to share its products, new or old. Case said she’ll mainly promote different kinds of paper and utensils. She said new products or projects may come up later. The partnership first began when Case called Rapid Elite looking for a job, she said. Case said Matt Gaarder then suggested the idea. They both agreed it would look good for both of them, and Gaarder being president of the Bearcat Booster Club would make it easy. “We just talked about it, and we’re like, ‘Why not?’” Case said. “Being involved in athletics for so long, I knew about this NIL thing and had been thinking it’d be cool to find an athlete and have an NIL deal,” Gaarder said. Gaarder said he made sure to look at other NIL contracts and talked to the athletic department to make sure no rules were going to be broken. As an NIL deal, Gaarder said most of the agreement is independent from the school and is just between the player and business. However, there were a few rules, he said. For example, Case cannot wear any apparel related to Northwest Athletics while promoting a product. NIL deals have had some controversy around them. For years, college athletes were not allowed to make money based on their image. However, June 29, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court in Alston v. NCAA ruled the NCAA can’t limit student-athletes to strictly educational-related benefits. Nine days later on June 30, the NCAA announced it would allow college athletes in applicable states to engage in NIL deals, and, the next day, the new rule was taken into effect. Missouri soon became one of the applicable states, as House Bill 297 went into effect Aug. 28, 2021. With college athletes allowed to earn deals and money off their image, athletes across the nation took advantage of the new rule. As previously mentioned, Case is the only athlete at Northwest to do so. Gaarder said he thinks when others see Case getting her own NIL deal, more businesses and players will try to create more partnerships. “You know, we hear all the horror stories with the NCAA, rules, violations and boosters,” Gaarder said. “Most of the boosters are business owners, so we don’t want to get anybody in trouble. As people have somebody they can come talk to about it, ask about it and get comfortable with it, then I think we’ll start seeing more and more.” Case also said she thinks more athletes, not even just at Northwest but at other smaller schools as well, will see her getting a deal and be more inclined to try to pursue their own. Even if they don’t, she said, she is still happy with where she’s at. “It just seems like a gift,” Case said. “I’m very grateful for it. Other people might not think it’s a big deal, but I’m grateful for the opportunity.”



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Top Left: Sophomore defensive end Jake Fisher meets with his teammates on the sidelines during Northwest’s 33-19 win over Fort Hays State. Bottom Left: Northwest football senior running back Kevin Dominique attempts to run through Fort Hays defenders on a run play during the Bearcats’ game versus the Tigers. Right: Sophomore wide receiver Peyton Carder and junior wide receiver Trevon Alexander celebrate after extending the lead in the third quarter to 26-12.

Bearcat football readies for first road trip

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Northwest football started the season off with a 33-19 win over MIAA Fort Hays State Sept. 1. Since the contest was on a Thursday, the players and coaches were able to enjoy another Saturday off from football.

Junior offensive lineman Mitch Goff said he spent the day watching football anyway. However, at least the next 10 Saturdays will look a little different for Goff and the rest of the Bearcats. The rest of the season, the games will be on the final day of the week, and the first of those games is another MIAA foe, Lincoln.

Despite winning by 14

points against the Tigers, compared to the 8-point win in 2021, coach Rich Wright made sure it was known it’s still early in the season, and there’s plenty of work to do.

“We won. We’re not a very good football team, yet. We got a lot of work to do,” Wright said.

One of the things Wright said needed improvement was special teams. There were some miscues on kickoffs and punts, the sixth-year coach said, and he isn’t very pleased with what was showcased in the season opener.

Some of the miscues and need for improvement comes from being a young team, he said.

“We’re not a complete football team, yet, in any of the three

“We won. We’re not a very good football team, yet. We got a lot of work to do.”

-RICH WRIGHT
NORTHWEST FOOTBALL COACH

phases,” Wright said. “With our youth, we’ve got to continue to grow, and, you know, that has to happen. We have to be a better football team on Saturday than we were a week ago on Thursday.”

The Bearcats held home field advantage in Week 1 but will travel to Jefferson City, Missouri, for Week 2. Even with the change of scenery for this week’s game, Wright said the preparation is fairly the same.

“We don’t change anything,” Wright said. “The only difference is we’ll be traveling on Friday. I think, as a team, this will be a new experience for the young group, but our older guys know how we travel, what we do and what’s expected.”

Some teams and players may

have issues arise with trying to become energized for the game due to spending hours traveling and being away from the home crowd.

Goff said it might start slow, but the energy will come as it gets closer to game time.

“It starts in pregame, just gotta get the guys juiced and get them going,” Goff said.

The Bearcats will have to find energy not just on the road, but in slightly unfamiliar territory. Lincoln was not able to play the game against Northwest in 2021 due to COVID-19, and the whole 2020 season was canceled due to COVID-19, as well.

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Northwest volleyball finishes Premier Challenge, prepares for first home game, start of conference

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Northwest volleyball went on the road for the second consecutive weekend for the Premier Challenge in Denver, Colorado. There, the Bearcats faced multiple ranked opponents.

The Premier Challenge was the second tournament in as many weeks for the No. 12 Bearcats, and Northwest went 2-2 through the four-game weekend.

Northwest had two tournament standouts, which are sophomore middle hitter Abby Brunssen and junior right side Jaden Ferguson. Brunssen had 21 blocks and 34 kills, and Ferguson had 14 blocks and 33 kills.

“Being a top-ranked team ourselves, we compete against each other every day in practice, so we are always competing at a high level whether it’s practices or games,” Ferguson said.

Northwest started the tournament by sweeping No. 16 Angelo State. The Bearcats outscored the Belles 58-26 combined from the three sets.

The ‘Cats then clashed with the host, No. 4 MSU Denver. The first set came down to the wire, and the Roadrunners edged the Bearcats 25-23. In the second set, Northwest got its own win of the match in the second set, 25-19. The following two sets finished with a score of 25-14,

in favor of MSU Denver. The loss to the Roadrunners was Northwest’s first of the season.

Northwest responded by defeating then-No. 3, now-No. 11 Western Washington. The ‘Cats lost the first set 22-25. After the first set, the Bearcats made a comeback to win and stun the Vikings in the next three sets to win the match 3-1.

“It was a good game for us. We came out strong with our middles and made sure we had a strong presence to start the day off,” Ferguson said.

That win punched Northwest’s ticket to the Silver Bracket Championship against Regis.

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Northwest volleyball graduate student outside hitter Kelly Wiedemann sets the ball during practice. The Bearcats will play Missouri Western as their home opener at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 inside Bearcat Arena.



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